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AUTOMATIC MONEY PROCESSING DEVICES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

Prior to examining this application, kindly amend the claims as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks accompanying the amendments begin on page 17.